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Price 5 Cents

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Depends more on what you eat than anything else. In buying don't forget the quality is our specialty. We offer the largest and most select stock of fancy groceries ever brought to Bryan. Quality considered.

Our Prices are Very Cheap.

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Of Horseradish Cream, Salad Dressing, Preserves in 1-lb 2-lb and 3-lb jars. Jelly, Mince Meat in bbls, 1 1-2 lb and 5 lb jars, Plum Pudding, Sliced Peaches for Cream, Lemon Cling Peaches, Red Pitted Cherries, Rolly-polly Cherries, White Cherries, Strawberries, Raspberries, Pears, Egg Plum, Grated and Sliced Pineapple, Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce, Stringless Beans, Superfine Sifted Peas, Corn, Tomatoes, Lobster, Salmon, Etc. This brand of goods has no superior in the United States. Every article is of the best of its kind.

CANDY.

We have just received 261 pounds of Blanke's choicest fancy candy and offer it for the Holiday trade at 35 and 50 and 75 cents per pound.

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Cakes, Crackers, Cheese Straws, Oyster Crackers, Dozier English Fruit cakes, 2 and 5 lb cartons, Brazil Nuts, English Walnuts, Filberts, Soft Shelled Almonds, Raisins, Currants, Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Stuffed Mangoes, Pickled Walnuts, Pickles, Catsup, Mustard, Etc. Mellheny's Tabasco Sauce, Stuffed Olives, Batavia Queen Olives, Cranberries, Schrimp.

Imported Sardines in oil, Tomato Sauce and a la Bordelaise.

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Is a guarantee against a failure in baking cakes. Costs you no more than many inferior grades.

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Howell Brothers,

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Try Our FRESH ROASTED COFFEE.

Getting a Good Start....

In your finances, is only possible when your buying is right—when every penny you expend brings back to you a fair return. In buying Groceries you don't have to pay for any fillrs or extras at our store—we charge you only for the goods, and we sell the best at the lowest prices. Give us your next order and test our ability to prove our claims.

Dee Mike Jr. & Co.,

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Barber Shop is the largest in Bryan. Four chairs—no waiting. Shave 10 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed. Next to Dunn & Daly's.

NOTICE!

Come and get your Boots and Shoes made; pegged or sewed; any style you wish. Bring me your repairing. Work guaranteed satisfactory.

N. Jametta.

BULLER TURNED BACK

Encounters a Force of Boers Too Strong for Him.

LOSES ELEVEN GUNS.

His Plans Were Well Laid Out, but the Boers Trumped All His Moves. His Loss of Men Not Yet Made Known.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse.

General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left 11 guns behind.

The news of General Buller's reverse was received so late that morning papers' comment is confined to perfunctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. This last check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny.

The depression over the defeat Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as, during the last 48 hours, there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Friday the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account.

The gloomy information came too late to reach the service clubs and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized until now even after the experience of the week, that General Buller could fail.

Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently in the confident belief that he was tak-



GENERAL BULLER.

[Commanding the British forces in South Africa.]

ing such time and such precautions as would ensure success.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through, but General Buller's own dispatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers. His report is as follows:

"Chieveley, Camp, Dec. 15, 6:20 p. m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart.

"My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left drift, General Hilyard the right road and General Lytleton was to take the center and to support either. Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Colonel I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

"I then ordered General Hilyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support the attack—the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field batteries, and six naval 12-pounder quick firing guns, under Col. Long—had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donga and a desperate efforts were being made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Captain Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

"Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the 18 horses, 13 were killed and as several drivers were wounded. I would not allow another attempt. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of General Gortall's brigade. The day was intensely hot and most trying on the troops whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned 10 guns and lost 11 shell fire 1. The loss in General Hart's brigade, I fear is heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope is not large. The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field batteries also suffered severely. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley."

Shelled Boers Two Hours.

Modder River, Dec. 15.—During a demonstration of the force this morning the British guns shelled the Boers for a couple of hours. The Boers did not reply until the British were retiring.

The Boers are further entrenching and strengthening their old defenses with the evident intention of fiercely disputing the control of the railroad.

Helping the Boers.

Lima, O., Dec. 16.—Jerome Shine, a strong anti-British sympathizer, and a prominent business man, has opened an office here for the receipt of names of those willing to go to South Africa. He has already several hundred applicants, nearly all of whom are of Irish or Dutch descent.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Two Women Killed Near El Paso While Crossing the Railroad Track.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—A terrible accident occurred at Marfa Friday, when a doubleheader freight ran into a hack at the east crossing. The hack contained Mrs. Lucy Duncan, Mrs. John Krupp, Mrs. William Coalson and some children.

Mrs. Lucy Duncan and Mrs. Krupp were thrown against the engine and instantly killed. One of the little girls had her foot cut off and the other leg injured and was bruised about the head. She is not expected to live. The other little girl came through the accident with slight injuries.

Mrs. John Krupp is the wife of a prominent Houston man, and together with Miss Schoermann of Houston, was spending the winter on the Duncan ranch. They were caught coming into town to do some shopping.

PHILADELPHIA WON.

Secures the National Republican Convention for 1900.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next. The place and date were decided upon by the national Republican committee after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected, Chicago, St. Louis and New York.

The Payne resolution will come up before the committee today.

Had to Be Shot.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Nicholas Davis of Kentucky, a member of troop B, Third cavalry, stationed at Fort Meyer, Va., who had been drinking heavily, armed with a Krag-Jorgensen rifle and several hundred rounds of ammunition, barricaded himself in an upper room of the company quarters Thursday. He imagined the place was assailed, opened all the windows commanding the various approaches and proceeded to shoot aimlessly about. Bullets flew in all directions until the colonel gave orders to a sergeant to take a guard and shoot Davis. The sergeant obeyed but instead of ordering the guard to fire, did so himself. The bullet struck the butt of Davis' rifle, scattering the flying splinters, knocked Davis senseless, but gave him no serious injury. He is now closely confined.

Big Assignment at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 16.—John P. Squire & Co., corporation, and allied companies, engaged in the provision and meat packing business, has assigned to Lawyer Herman W. Chaplain. The liabilities are estimated at \$3,000,000 and the assets at \$5,000,000, the latter including a recent appraisal of the plant at East Cambridge and Somerville, at \$3,000,000. The company was incorporated in 1896 and has a paid up capital of \$3,000,000, stock being largely held in the Squire family. The business will be carried on without any change.

Farmer Fired Upon.

Minola, Tex., Dec. 16.—Four unknown men called at the home of a farmer, Bud Furrh, in the northeastern part of the county, and when he appeared at the door fired on him with a shotgun, and after he closed the door fired 12 44 Winchester bullets into the house. One small shot struck Mr. Furrh in the neck, but he is not seriously wounded. There are some clues which may lead to the apprehension of the guilty parties.

Captain Shell Dead.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 16.—Captain George W. Shell died at his farm near

Fresh Seeded Raisins
Fresh Currants
Citrons
Oranges and Lemon Peel
Fresh Muscatel Raisins
In fact everything needed
for your

FRUIT CAKE.....

Fresh Barrel Olives
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HYMEN'S GOODS, the BEST IN THE WORLD

Remember we are up to date on everything—

FRESH, PURE GOODS.

Place your order for Thanksgiving Turkey.

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Awarded the gold medal at the New Orleans Exposition, also the Gold Medal and Diploma at the World's Fair, Chicago, in competition with over 4000 samples of the very finest whiskies produced in this country.

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Whiskey...**

On your sideboard, drink Harper whiskey over the bar and you are guaranteed the best. Sold by

J. L. Hearne.

HIS FOURTH VISIT.

**Dr. Seymour at the Exchange Hotel
Next Week.**



DR. WM. I. SEYMOUR will be in Bryan at the Exchange Hotel next Monday December 18th, and will remain until Saturday evening, Dec. 23. His return trip is due to the fact that there were hundreds of people called on him during his last visit and it was absolutely impossible for him to complete the examination of many. Dr. Seymour is without doubt the best known and most reliable optician in this state, and the hearty endorsements that have been given him by prominent people are in themselves conclusive evidence of his superior ability notwithstanding he offers any who are having trouble with their eyes an opportunity of consulting him free of charge. He has the most complete line of optical instruments possessed by any one man in the South, and the diagnosis made by his methods is absolutely beyond question. Do not neglect this opportunity. At the Exchange Hotel December 18 to 23.

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Cold Compress for a Sore Throat.

A slight sore throat, if caused by cold may often be completely cured in a single night by dipping a large handkerchief in cold water, and after slightly squeezing it, binding it to around the throat, first folding it to a proper width. Then place a piece of oilskin over the handkerchief, in order to preserve the moisture, and, lastly bind over all a piece of thick flannel or a cream woolen stocking, fastening it securely with a safety pin.

Arthur's Son.

Alan Arthur, the son of the president, is rarely seen in New York. He travels a good deal, but makes his home in Paris, having apartments near the Arch of Triumph not far from the residence of James Gordon Bennett. He is a man of wide culture, an accomplished linguist and a most agreeable gentleman. His father is driving four-in-hands, and he is recognized as one of the most skillful whips in Paris.

A Fortune for His Heir, Anyway.

Whether S. Landeot, of Atlanta, president of the Southern Agricultural works, who has just died from an overdose of morphine, was a suicide or not will make no difference financially to his heirs since all of the insurance on his life, amounting to \$187,000, was exempted from forfeiture in the case of self-destruction.

Record Breaking Ocean Run.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has broken all records on her last trip from Ocherbourg Breakwater to Sandy Hook lightship, which she made in five days, eighteen hours and five minutes. She encountered fog one day, but made about as good a run for that twenty-four hours as for any other.

Time's Changes.

Twenty-seven years ago Booker T. Washington left Charleston, W. Va., a penniless colored boy and walked to Hampton to try to get an education. Last Thursday he returned to Charleston as the guest of the city, was received by the mayor and officials and was greeted at the opera house by 2,000 enthusiastic admirers.

Miss Rehan Will Star.

Miss Ada Rehan, who reaches New York Saturday, is going to star under the management of Richard Dorney in nine plays, two of which are new.

Would Become a Habit.

The lawyer asked the witness if the incident previously alluded to wasn't a miracle, and the witness said he didn't know what a miracle was.

"Oh, come," said the attorney. "Suppose you were looking out of a window in the twentieth story of a building and should fall out and should not be injured. What would you call that?"

"An accident," was the stolid reply.

"Yes, yes, but what else would you call it? Well, suppose you were doing the same thing the next day, and suppose you looked out of the twentieth story window and fell out and again should find yourself not injured. Now, what would you call that?"

"A coincidence," said the witness.

"Oh, come, now," the lawyer began again. "I want you to understand what a miracle is, and I'm sure you do. Now, just suppose on the third day you were looking out of the twentieth story window and fell out, and struck your head on the pavement twenty stories below and were not in the least injured. Come, now, what would you call that?"

"Three times?" said the witness, rousing a little from the apathy. "Well, I'd call that a habit."

And the lawyer gave it up.

Had His Linen in His Hat.

"The other night," said a young lawyer at luncheon recently, "I put on evening clothes, despite the heat. As my family is out of town, and as I am eternally forgetting to have washing done, it struck me while I dressed that I would pass a laundry on my way down town, and that it would be well to call along and leave there a few soiled articles. I packed them—a dozen pieces—in the crown of my tall hat. Then I sallied forth, immaculate and elegantly, and from that moment all thought of the laundry deserted me.

"Manipulating a cigarette gracefully, I stood a little later waiting for a cab. Fierce electric lights beat on me, and no doubt I made an imposing figure. A man I knew came along with his daughter, and we rushed together for a chat. I doffed my hat, and its contents pattered down around us. The collars rolled gayly, like little white hoop-snakes, here and there. One of the handkerchiefs fell on the young lady's shoe, and she was good enough to stoop and restore it to me. The shirt in some way managed to disentangle itself, and lay at our feet in that pose—full length, on the face, with outstretched arms—in which captives crave mercy of victorious kings. It was, truly, an awful moment, and I don't know whether I emerged from it gracefully or not. I guess not."

Modern Courtship Unromantic.

"There is something quite idyllic about the fresh air courtships that are going on during these latter summer days. Truly, one would think that the love fostered by wind and sunshine might well be purer and more enduring than a fancy engendered in a ballroom, and aided by dinners, the opera, etc. A three mile match over the golf links with a congenial companion, or a tramp through bog and heather on a shooting expedition before breakfast, are the roads to matrimony of the summer girl of 1899. One cannot help fancying that the human race will be stronger and better for these methods of wooing. There is also a good comradeship and congeniality implied by such companionship which seems particularly desirable.

These latter day courtships may be matter of fact, but they are certainly breezy and altogether delightful, and the moonlight girl and the piazza girl of yore possess no more romantic or tender memories of lovemaking than our young Amazons of today will have in the years to come.

If Your Clothes Catch Fire.

Do not run and scream, but sink on the floor and roll yourself up in a hearthrug, if there is one, or the flames can often be crushed out at once against the floor, and no further harm incurred than burnt hands. If you see a child or anyone else with their clothes on fire, seize the first heavy woolen thing that comes to hand—a blanket, rug, tablecloth or thick coat. Throw it around the person, draw her to the ground and crush the fire out. Many of the deaths from burning so often reported would never occur if the proper steps were taken immediately to extinguish the flames. It is fatal to move about for the least current of air will increase the fire.

Lost in a Tennessee Cavern.

A Mr. Chouteau of this place, left some weeks ago to explore an extensive cave five miles south of Monterey, and has not been heard of since. The cave has never been explored beyond a few miles, but is supposed to be ten miles in extent, and it is feared he lost his way in underground passages and perished.

A Dewey Double.

The latest "double" of Admiral Dewey to be discovered is Henry T. Simmons, of Bloomington, Ind. The likeness is said by friends of the admiral to be remarkable.

It Truth Were Known.

"What a bewitching little thing your niece, Miss Mabel, is!" declared the prim old bachelor. "She is so chic and animated—a charming little bundle of energy!" "Horrors! What a time I've had," said Mabel, after he had gone. "These shoes are so tight they nearly killed me. I was simply writhing in agony; couldn't keep still a minute!"



YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Should be bought with care and judgment to make a little money buy lots of nice things. See the big stock carried by

JAMES & McDOUGALD.

Their stock always contains the Latest and Most Popular Christmas Novelties—the most elegant and Tasteful Gifts that can be secured anywhere. Their

Wonderland of Toys

for the Girls and Boys is always unsurpassed. You will make a mistake if you buy before selling their stock. Their prices are never high. Remember the place—

James & McDougald's, BRYAN, TEXAS.



The hens are all on a strike.

CEO. W. HIGGS.

Now on sale plenty of

Big Fat Turkeys and Chickens.

Also fresh eggs arrived today. Come early and avoid the rush and get first choice.

GEO. W. HIGGS

Christmas Novelties!

We are showing an elegant line of Holiday goods including Statuary, Brass Tables, Handsome China, Beautiful Pottery, Mirrors, Pictures and other articles suitable for gifts and too numerous to mention. We have also remembered the little folks with a splendid assortment of Dolls and Toys. We bought at low prices and we are selling at prices that cannot fail to please. Yours for Christmas,

Thall's Drug Store.

A Store Brimming Full of CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR YOUR GENTLEMEN FRIENDS

Is what we have to offer you, things that are useful--presents that will be appreciated. We are showing the largest and most beautiful assortment of High Class Novelties in Men's Furnishings, SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, ever brought to the City of Bryan.

We would suggest your calling early, making your selection and let us lay it aside for you, as the choicest things will soon be picked over. We furnish nice fancy paper boxes to put goods in, intended for Christmas presents.

BELOW WE OFFER A FEW HINTS FOR XMAS SHOPPERS:

Smoking Jackets.

In dark Grey, Brown, Navy and Cadet Blue, elegantly trimmed, at \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10.

Fine Silk Neckwear.

In a beautiful assortment of Foreign and Domestic Silks, all the Latest creations in Puffs, Ascots, Imperials, English Squares, Four-in-Hands, Teck Scarfs, Bows and Club Ties. This selection far surpasses anything ever brought to Bryan—at

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

Silk Mufflers

In a beautiful collection of Imported Silk effects, new and novel patterns. Ask to see the new Oxford Muffler for ladies and gentlemen. They come put up in nice single boxes for presents. Prices

\$1, \$1.50, \$2.

Fine Silk Suspenders.

With gold plated and sterling silver buckles for engraving. Some are hand embroidered in beautiful fleur de lis patterns at

\$1, \$1.50, \$2, and 2.50

Kid Gloves

In all the season's colors, in dressed and undressed Kid, at

75c, \$1, and \$1.50

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

In plain white Hemstitched and Fancy Colored Borders, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1

Fine Suit Cases.

Well trimmed with brass lock and Catches at \$2.25, 2.50 and \$3

Men's Jewelry.

Latest Novelties in Gold Plated and solid gold Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons at 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, up to \$2.50.

Patent Leather Shoes.

In the famous Hanan & Son and American make, all sizes in button and lace, with Fancy black silk and kid tops, at \$3.50 and \$5.00

Fine Silk Umbrellas.

In natural wood handles, trimmed in Sterling Silver at \$3.00 and \$5.00

Men's Half Hose.

Black, Tan and fancy colors, in fine cotton and Lisle Thread at 25c and 50c a pair, 6 pair in a box.

We are also showing a Complete Stock of JOHN B. STETSON SOFT HATS, Stiff Hats, All Wool and Heavy Cotton Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Shoes, etc.

WATCH OUR SHOW WINDOWS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Parks & Waldrop,

MEN'S OUTFITTERS.



Christmas

...TIME...

Is here again and all the little folks and big ones too expect to give and receive lots of nice presents. My store will again be the big headquarters for Toys, Fireworks, etc., during holidays.

In Handsome Gifts

We offer the most complete line—Books, Pictures, Cut Glass, China—everything new and novel originated for this season's holiday trade. We can supply your wants at prices so low as to be within the reach of all.

TYLER HASWELL,

BRYAN, TEXAS.

M. K. & T. EXCURSIONS.

GO HOME IN THROUGH CARS.

Using the M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) to South McAlester and the Choctaw & Memphis Railway (Formerly Little Rock & Memphis R'y) to Memphis. This is the new route offered to those going home for the Christmas Holidays. It will show you the Indian Territory, now being opened up for settlement. Fast service and a delightful trip. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 20th, 21st and 22nd; good 30 days for return. Ask or write Katy Agents for particulars.

TO THE OLD STATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) offers a new route to the old states to those who are going back home to spend the Christmas Holidays. As usual, through

cars and through trains will be run, passing through the beautiful Indian Territory in day light as far as South McAlester, then over the Choctaw & Memphis Railway to Memphis where direct connections will be made with the roads leading from Memphis to the Old Home. The rate will be one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 20th, 21st and 22nd; good for return any time within 30 days. For full information write any "Katy" Ticket Agent.

LOCAL HOLIDAY RATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line in Texas at one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st, and January 1st good for return to January 3rd, 1900.

HALF RATES.

To points on the M. K. & T. R'y in Kansas and Missouri including Kansas City and St. Louis. Tickets on sale December 19th and 20th; good to return any time within 30 days.

Take the famous "Katy Flyer," a solid vestibuled train, with through sleepers and free reclining chair cars. For full information apply to "Katy" Ticket Agents, or write.

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A Fine Holiday Edition.

Write for a copy of The Grimes County Record holiday edition. It contains a historical sketch of Grimes county and other historical news of interest and will be the prettiest paper ever published in Grimes county.

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Anderson, Texas.

Tricks of Burglars' Trades.

A well known detective of several years' experience has this to say of burglars: "If one were to become a professional burglar his work would require study and practice just as success in legitimate business demands education and experience. The burglar who does several 'jobs' and eludes the officers of the law is a keen observer, a man of forethought and one whose executive ability is unquestioned. Houses are not entered because they have brown stone fronts, nor are stores broken into by the professional thief without an investigation.

"When the skillful burglar is to do a 'job' he studies the habits of the resident or proprietor. In a case in Troy a few years ago a jewelry store was robbed. Apparently there was no clue. Detectives were placed on the case and named the thieves by the method employed in getting into the store, and subsequently the thieves were convicted. Certain burglars always enter a cellar and come up through stairs, floor or trap doors. Others have skeleton keys.

"Others go above and come down stairs. Some break in rear and others front doors. In the robbery above referred to the two thieves had been in Troy three successive Saturday nights. They had fastened a silk thread on all entrances in such a way that if anyone entered or left the store the thread would be broken. Thus the burglars learned that the proprietor and clerks did not visit the store after closing Saturday night until Sunday. The fourth Saturday night they 'cracked' the safe. Except for their methodical way of entering (by cellar) no suspicion would have attached itself to them.

"Even burglars have some style. People living in modest homes, unless they have large sums of money or jewelry, need not fear a visit from the professional. He is always posted on the plunder for which he seeks. As a rule, burglars are cowards, and it is only in emergencies that revolvers are used."

Willing to be Tried.

Ex-Secretary of State Sherman says that when he was in the cabinet a prominent man applied personally to him for a consular post in China. He replied that he always wanted to appoint men who speak the language of the country to which they were sent. "Now you do not, I presume, speak Chinese," he concluded. "Certainly I do," answered the applicant. "Ask me something in Chinese and I'll reply."

A Relic of Nero's Day.

A well preserved Roman camp has been discovered on the right bank of the Narenta, in Herzegovina. A section 300 feet long by 270 feet wide has been excavated. Part of the walls, gates and towers are still standing, and many utensils and weapons have been dug up. It is believed that the camp was erected in the time of Nero.

A Live Trade Mark.

A practical illustration of a trade-mark was made last week in Philadelphia at the Continental hotel, where the Master Car and Locomotive Builders of the country were in session. A Cleveland firm of paint and color makers was represented by Thomas Madill, of Chicago, who exemplified the firm's trade mark, the chameleon, with a real live animal of that species from India. It was brought to America early in the year by the treasurer of the company, and the little animal has withstood the climate wonderfully well. Interesting experiments are made with the chameleon, which instantly changes the color of its skin when placed upon paper or other material of various hues.

An Apprentice Millionaire.

Among the recent requests which the Rothschilds have received none is more ludicrous than that of a young man who professes himself tired of his business of cooper, and, with promise of diligence, asks to be taken as "apprentice millionaire."

Definition.

Hammerless Ike—"What is a gentleman farmer, Bill?"
Bibulous Bill—"Most any gentleman is a farmer, when it comes to goin' agin one of our games."

HOLIDAY GOODS...

Our holiday box has come, and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas.

There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our Medallions, Mirrors done in fire gilt frames, Tea Kettles in Brass, Chaffing Dishes, Iron Candle Sticks and many other metal novelties. These goods beggar description, like most good things have to be seen to be rightly appreciated.

Also Elegant Perfumes,

In neat packages made up for a gift package. Then we have an elegant assortment of China goods of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of Albums, Lap Desks and Cases, that will be sure to please you. Holiday packages of the celebrated Capidura cigar—just the thing for a man addicted to the weed. We are not unmindful of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Fireworks,

And other things that gladden the hearts of the little folks. We cannot name prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—come anyway. During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our Drug Department, as this is first always. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

BEN S. READ.

Kandy Kitchen

—AND—
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BERWICK BAY Oysters

Served in any style.

The finest....

Candies, Fresh Fruits.

FINE CIGARS,
LOWNEY'S and
GUNTHER'S
Candies.

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GIVES UP THE CHASE.

March Reaches a Country That Is Without Food for His Men.

Manila, Dec. 16.—Major March of the Thirty-third infantry has abandoned the pursuit of Aguinaldo and has reached Bangen in the heart of Grand Cordilera, where food is scarce and to travel is almost impossible. From the native couriers and Spanish prisoners it was learned that Aguinaldo left Bontoc, province of same name, with three women and two soldiers three days ago and headed evidently for Bayombong in the province of New Vizcaya, where it is thought he may encounter the Americans.

Major March's command was depleted 20 per cent by the two day's march from Cervantes to Bangen, so he returned to Cervantes Dec. 10.

Lieutenant Chadwick and a correspondent of the Associated Press, the latter commanding the Maccabee scouts, visited the mountain town of Pampos and received the surrender of a company of insurgents, including three officers, with arms and ammunition. General Concepcion and the other Filipino officers who surrendered were taken to Vigan. Concepcion, who is cheerful, insists that the insurgent organization will be maintained, even in districts where the Americans are operating; also claiming that the Filipino leaders can use troops whenever they desire. He suggests that the only method of terminating the war is the capture of Aguinaldo and obtaining an order from him for the troops to surrender their arms. But Concepcion believes that Aguinaldo never will be captured.

What to Do With Filipinos.

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Otis has now in custody many important persons who were connected with the so called Filipino government, but no decision has been reached as to their future disposition by the president.

A member of the cabinet said the time had not yet come when the fate of these men could be determined. It is proposed to treat them humanely and with consideration, and it is believed such policy will lead other Filipinos to surrender. Any Filipinos caught directly in unprovoked murder will be summarily dealt with.

Secretary Root said there was no vacancy on the staff corps to which Lieutenant Batson, of the Fourth cavalry, who organized and commanded the Maccabee scouts, could be appointed as was recommended by General Otis.

Immature Corn Injurious to Horses.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—The state board of live stock commissioners has sent out a circular calling attention to the fact that cerebro-spinal meningitis has appeared among the horses in several sections of the state. Dr. L. C. Tiffany, assistant state veterinarian, reports outbreaks of the disease in the counties of Macoupin, Bond, Cumberland, Marion and St. Clair. He has been making an investigation of several cases and he gives it as his opinion that the disease was caused by the feeding of immature corn, which was injured by the early frosts in September. The doctor says he has observed no evil effects from the use of yellow corn, but in every instance it was the white variety, which matures later than the yellow corn. The farmers are warned against the use of immature corn for feeding horses, but it is stated the food has no bad effect upon either cattle or swine.

Will Try for the Other.

New York, Dec. 16.—Defeat in the campaign to bring the Republican convention to New York City has inspired the leaders of the convention movement with the determination to work all the harder for the Democratic convention. The feeling among them is general that the chances of victory in getting the latter gathering for this city is much greater than it had been for the Republican convention, because there will be more time for preparation and because the reasons which were used against New York with the Republican national committee do not apply to the Democratic situation.

Received a Babe by Express.

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 16.—The little village of Bristol is all agog over a new sensation. Mrs. Selin Setters, a respectable married woman of that place, received by express a bright 6-months-old baby. She is completely mystified by the arrival of the youngster, which was delivered by the express agent, who refused to state whence it came, professing ignorance on that point. Mrs. Setters announces that she will adopt and rear the child. The infant was well clad, properly tagged and is believed to have started from a station on the Lake Shore not far from Bristol.

Iowa Senatorial Race.

Des Moines, Dec. 16.—A. J. Blake of Fort Dodge, has withdrawn from the contest for speaker of the Iowa house in the interest of W. L. Eaton, whose candidacy for speaker represents that of A. B. Cummins for United States senator. This leaves only two candidates, D. H. Bowel, representing Gear's senatorial candidacy, and Eaton, representing Cummins.

Decision Against Actor Morgan.

New York, Dec. 16.—Edward J. Morgan, the leading actor in Ben Hur, has been directed by Judge Gildersleeve, of the supreme court, to pay his wife, Adelaide, \$25 a week alimony and a counsel fee of \$125 in their cross actions for separation on allegations of cruelty. Morgan has been paying \$20, and she asked for \$50.

Kentucky Feud Renewed.

London, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Philpot-Griffin feud has broken out afresh in Clay county. One Griffin man has been killed and one of the Philpot faction was mortally wounded.

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Finnish Wedding Is Tearful.

It is impossible to imagine anything more doleful and unique than a peasant betrothal and wedding in Russo-Finland. Such a thing as a radiant bride is unknown in those regions, and the chief idea seems to be to make a great show of grief as possible, and to make the function as dismal as a funeral. In all probability the bride does not feel half as miserable as she looks, but tradition demands the shedding of many tears on this occasion. As is usual in all countries where dowries are given to the bride and mercenary arrangements play a prominent part, the young people do not settle their love affairs themselves—if, indeed, love enters into the matter at all. The young man chooses a professional spokesman, who afterward acts as best man, and is sent to see "how the ground lies," and what responsibilities rest on the broad shoulders. If he is satisfied with all he sees and hears, he asks the parents with assumed indifference whether they intend to get their daughter married, and what they propose to give her when that doleful day dawns. A few days later the young man's parents, accompanied by the spokesman, make their appearance in solemn state, and the latter official at once announces the object of the visit. "Formerly I came as a guest; now I come as a wooer," he cries, as the door opens. On the wedding morning, as soon as the bridegroom's party is heard approaching, there is a mighty stir in the girl's room. Led by the professional wailers, the bride repairs to the yard; a sheepskin is brought, and then begins a curious and humiliating ceremony, dangerous to apopleptic subjects. The poor victim walks up to the sheepskin, and the two wailers make a show of forcing the bride down on her knees. Then lower still must she bend, like the Mohammedan at prayer, till her forehead touches the dust.

A Military Dog.

One of the most popular characters on the rock of Gibraltar is no more. Smiler, for that was the name of the garrison guardroom dog, broke his leg so badly through slipping on a rock that he had to be shot to put him out of his agony. The little dog was at home in all the guardrooms on the frontier, and would sometimes patronize one, sometimes another. Smiler was a great pet, both with officers and men. He constituted himself an extra sentry, kept on "sentry go" all through the night, and could hear the field officer of the day approaching long before the human sentry could. He always attended guardmounting parade, and there selected the guard that he would favor with his presence for the next twenty-four hours.

The Effects of a Literary Boom.

Property in Douglas, the chief town of the Isle of Man, the scene of Hall Caine's literary labors, has doubled in price within ten years, and the influx of summer visitors has increased enormously since the publication of the "Christian," which, though it had little to do with the island, called the attention of a larger public to the author's earlier books. Mr. Caine has showed his confidence in the permanence of the boom by investing his large earnings in Manx real estate.

Ghastly Predictions.

"I warn this infamous demagogue," fervidly exclaimed the orator, "that a day of retribution is coming. The people will reckon with him at the polls. Let him beware! The ideo of November will fall upon him and grind him to a jelly!"

A Tribute to "Suke."

The citizens of Big Bay, Ark., recently erected the following epitaph over the grave of a cow which had been killed by a railroad train: "To the memory of Suke, who arised thirteen children. We will meet her at Circuit Court."

A Precaution Against Poison.

Agitation against poisonous ingredients used in pottery has drawn out an order from the British office of work, that all articles supplied under contract to the public departments, the houses of parliament and the royal palaces shall be made with leadless glaze.

Wouldn't Take the Nickel.

"Can't take that nickel. Give me another." The words came from the lips of a man in a Market street trolley car the other afternoon. They were addressed to the conductor. "What's the matter with it?" the latter queried, taking the coin and looking it over. "Kicking on that little dent in the edge?" "Yep," replied the first speaker. "Mutilated, you know, mutilated money isn't legal tender." There was nothing for the conductor to do but take the coin back, which he did with very bad grace. When he had received a perfect 5 cent piece the man who had made the kick turned to a passenger. "Perhaps you think I was unnecessarily particular," said he, "but it's a little fad of mine. It had its origination one day when I wasn't so particular. I handed a conductor a 10-cent piece and received a nickel that didn't look so bad, although it was by no means perfect. Well, after I had concluded my business I got on board a car to come back down town. It happened to be the same car. When the conductor came along I handed him the nickel. He looked at it, smiled contemptuously and handed it back. "Can't take it," he said; 'too much battered.' I nearly fell off my seat with astonishment. When I recovered I showed the coin at him again. "You'll have to take it," I declared; 'I got it from you not an hour ago.' The conductor smiled at me sarcastically. "That's what they all say," he retorted, 'but it won't go with me. I never gave you any such looking coin as that. Come, hurry up and pay your fare. I can't be standing here all day. "Mad as a hornet. I searched through my pocket for another coin, but the nickel represented the last cent I had with me. I told the conductor so. "Huh!" he exclaimed, 'trying to force me to take that nickel, are you? Well, I won't take it, and if you haven't anything else you might as well pile off.' "And 'pile off' I did. Since that day I have refused to accept any but perfectly legitimate coin from trolley car conductors, and I'm going to keep on refusing, too, just as long as I ride on trolley cars."

About Beer.

Bavaria, as is only fitting, bears the prize for beer drinking, the yearly average each man, woman and child being 236 litres. Belgium comes next with 162 litres, then Great Britain with 145; the average for the United States is 47 litres a year. The record by cities for 1897-'98 is: Munich, 556 litres per head; Frankfurt, 428; Nuremberg, 421; Berlin, 206; Vienna, 145; Paris, 11. Germany's production of beer was 1,384,620,000 gallons, over a quarter share of the world's production of 4,938,820,000 gallons. The United States, grouped in German tables with other non-European countries, produced 1,219,850,000 gallons and Great Britain, 1,166,590,000 gallons.

Dried Bananas.

An American in Jamaica has built a plant for evaporating bananas. The thoroughly ripe fruit is placed in a heated oven for not more than forty-eight hours, during which time the sugar crystallizes. It takes six pounds of fresh bananas to make one pound evaporated. The process prevents decay and cuts down freight charges.

Better Yet.

"Yes," she said, "I have a daughter who is married to an earl." "Hump!" he returned. "That's nothing I've got five daughters married to men they picked out themselves, and I don't have to support any of 'em."

Seeking Repose.

"I'm goin' to dig out an' go to do city," said Meandering Mike. "But don't you want to hear de birds sing, an' feel de cool breezes in de shady groves?" inquired Plodding Pete. "Yep. But I'm goin' to quit an' go into town, where dere ain't nobody goin' up an' down de thorough-ares tryin' to hire harvest hands."

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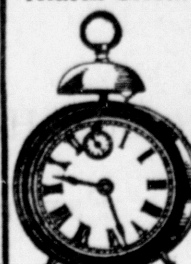
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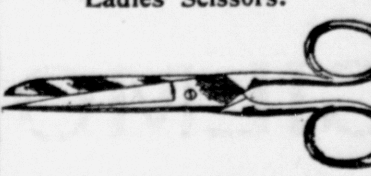
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In the District Court of the United States, for the Northern District of Texas, in Bankruptcy. In the matter of (H. L. Gentry & Co.) H. L. Gentry and J. T. Eaves, bankrupt. No. 23 in bankruptcy. (H. L. Gentry & Co.)

Notice is hereby given that H. L. Gentry and J. T. Eaves of the county of Brazos and district aforesaid, did, on the 5th day of December 1899, file in the Clerk's office of said court, at Waco, a petition setting up that he has been heretofore duly adjudged a bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy, and praying for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate in bankruptcy, save such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

On considering the above mentioned petition it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim, and other parties in interest, if they desire to oppose the discharge prayed for in said petition shall, on or before the 28th day of December, A. D. 1899, file with the Referee for the Waco Division of said District, a notice in writing of their opposition to a discharge in the above entitled cause. M. C. H. PARK, Referee in Bankruptcy. Office of Referee, Waco, Texas, Dec. 8th, A. D. 1899.

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NEW GOODS! CORRECT STYLES!

Handsome line of Plaid Dress Goods. Opera
Flannels, Broadcloth, etc.

Dog Collar Belts,

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1899.

The Commissioner's Court has settled the county convict question by leasing the county farm and convicts to A. G. Taylor, J. F. Scott and Edgar Hurley, for the term of one year. The lessees to have the farm, teams and tools, and pay \$9.00 per month for each convict; and clothe, feed and take care of the paupers of the county.—Hearne Democrat.

Hotel Arrivals. EXCHANGE

Air Ship Co; J. O. Philipps St. Louis; Geo. C. Naughton, New Orleans; L. S. Murphey, Shreveport; P. Leahy, R. Jones, Waco; E. H. Astin, Mumford; L. Eisman W. C. Allen, McKinney; T. S. James, Waco; M. E. Hindman, Ft Worth; C. S. Raymond, Chicago; A. Cohen, Chicago; L. M. Preston, St. Louis; P. J. Pagell, Detroit; H. D. Gholman, Houston; Harry Deutschner, Galveston; T. S. James, Waco; D. S. Sessions, Ennis; J. Frank, St. Louis; J. W. Young, Dallas; J. W. Goodbar, L. Mandel, St. Louis; J. J. Knight, Dallas; R. E. Armstrong, Galveston. J. T. Rud, Kansas City.

You buy a pair of S K pants at Coulter's and wear them four weeks, and for every suspender button that comes off we will pay you ten cents; if they rip in the waistband we will pay you 25 cents, and if they rip in the seat we will pay you 50 cents.

17. J. W. Coulter.

A Jay from Jaysville.

"A Jay from Jaysville" was the attraction at the Grand Opera house last night, playing at popular prices to a good audience for a Saturday night show. A very thin and well-worn plot formed the nucleus of a string of specialties, more or less good. The company have a very expert bicycle rider, who turned several exceedingly smooth tricks. The dancing Dutchman was not much force. The Jay himself was as good a one as ever essayed that role on the local stage. The dude has been seen here before in the same part, and has not improved. The play as a whole is as good as many that tax the public higher prices.

In this connection, The Eagle wants to remark that of the whole number of shows Manager Mike has brought to Bryan this season, the percentage of good ones has been unusually high, and the public has been treated, in fact, to some very high class ones, which brought numerous attendants from other towns. Give the manager credit for doing a good part by his patrons so far; and we can say on authority that he has some very excellent attractions coming.

Special Notice.

Mrs. A. E. Steinsman, with Sprague, Warner & Co., had a date to exhibit Ferndale canned and bottle goods, sold by John Chaney Kernole, but the bad weather prevented. Ferndale goods are made by Sprague, Warner & Co., the same firm who make Batavia, the goods Mrs. Steinsman has been exhibiting. Call and see Ferndale goods, and get prices on same. They are the best. John Chaney Kernole. 18

Wedding presents, Wilson—Jenkins Drug Co. 12

M. P. C. Vives.

The new model MECHANICAL PLATE CHANGING VIVE is a daisy—it does away with the magazine sleeve—though many prefer the old model to the new—we have both kinds.

LEAVE ORDERS NOW for a VIVE so that our stock may not be short for the holiday demand.

LEAVE YOUR VIVE to be filled at our store—shall be glad to serve you—and it takes only a second's time; we have constructed a dark room for this purpose.

THE VIVE CAMERAS range in price from \$5.00 to \$45.00; Developing Outfits \$2.00; Developing and Toning Solutions 25c; Plate 50c dozen; Card Mounts, Tripods, Trays, Etc., always in stock. Let us show you the many good points of the VIVE over other Cameras.

EMMEL'S
PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY.

ENGLAND SORROWFUL

Defeat of Buller Set the English People to Thinking.

ONE THEORY ONLY.

That Is That All the Men Available Will Be Mobilized and Speedily Sent to South Africa—Methuen's Losses Grow.

London, Dec. 16.—As might have been expected the desperate state of British arms in South Africa as revealed by the defeat of General Buller at Tugela river, where at one stroke he lost treble the number of guns that Wellington left in the hands of Napoleon during six years' fighting in the peninsula, while adding to the determination of the authorities to send every available man to the front, caused something in the nature of a momentary panic among the public which was reflected materially on stock exchange.

It is reported that Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner of South Africa and governor of Cape Colony, demands assent of the imperial government to a proclamation of martial law throughout Cape Colony. Lord Salisbury is unwilling to grant such a request, save as the very last resort, as such a dangerous confession as to the gravity of the British position would be offering positive inducements to England's enemies to take advantage of the extremity.

Sir Alfred Milner reports that Dutch disaffection has now reached a point where ordinary law is useless to stem it. He wants power not only to make summary arrests without a warrant of suspected persons and the right to detain them without trial, but also the power to suppress Dutch newspapers throughout the colony, which insist upon publishing accounts of British reverses and criticisms on the war. Milner is declared to be in a state of hysteria over the awful miscarriage of his policy and the ruinous price England is paying for following his advice. He sees none but his staff.

The war office made public the report of General Buller's defeat shortly after midnight. The ticker service, for some reason, broke down after the first 100 words and the war office was crowded in 20 minutes by men who drove cabs from the United Service club, the National Liberal club and other public resorts clamoring for the news. The report was posted and crowds stood about cursing. There was no clamor, but men with oaths in their mouths said it means the calling out of all the militia and this means that volunteers are to be summoned for duty.

Attacks on the nerves of the British has disappeared and the only permanent effect of the serious news has caused a more set determination to achieve the task the country has undertaken.

Departing troops are more vehemently cheered than usual and the troops themselves display even much greater desire to reach the front.

There is little excitement at the war office, but orders are being issued for the mobilization of reserves and militia. The latter will replace the regulars in Garrison towns.

Queen Victoria is greatly concerned about the latest reverses.

Commander-in-Chief Lord Wolseley, was at the Windsor castle when the news arrived of General Buller's defeat, and he took a special train back to London.

A hastily summoned meeting of the cabinet was held in the foreign office for the purpose of dealing with the war crisis.

The Modder River Fight.

Pretoria, Dec. 16.—An official dispatch from Modder river says the Boers captured a great quantity of loot, including 200 Lee-Metford rifles, cases of cartridges and hundreds of bayonets.

Great numbers of British retired from Tweo-Rivierien in the direction of Belmont.

Loss of the British is very great. There were heaps of dead on the field. The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Bissels farm.

The sappers and miners must have suffered severely. The Boers suffered heavy losses in horses. The battle was a sad and terrible slaughter.

Monday was for the Boers a brilliant victory, it infused new spirits into our men and enabled them to achieve greater deeds.

British Loss Still Increases.

London, Dec. 16.—The revised list of British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number 70 were officers.

Australian Men Accepted.

Sydney, Dec. 16.—Imperial authorities have telegraphed the governor of New South Wales accepting the offer of a further Australian contingent for South Africa, suggesting the men be mounted and good shots.

Advices from Mafeking.

Cape Town, Dec. 16.—Advices from Bulawayo say a dispatch from Mafeking dated Dec. 6, announced the scheme of advancing the military works is acting well and has forced the Boers to evacuate the strong commanding fortifications northeast of town. It is added that the British continue pushing back the Boers and then working toward the main siege batteries. British casualties are trifling. The Boer force was then reduced to about 2000 men, four field guns and some siege guns.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Maine's Dead Will Be Reinterred in Arlington Cemetery.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen, having selected the place where the dead of the Maine are to be buried, is now making arrangements for the reinterment, substantially on the same lines as those followed in the case of the Santiago victims. The remains of the Maine victims will be brought by a special train directly from Fortress Monroe to Arlington. They will be carried through Gen. Sheridan's gate and placed in hospital tents pending the burial services, each casket being covered with an American flag.

It is expected that the president, the members of his cabinet, most of the army and navy officers in Washington, and a large number of persons will be present at Arlington when the final interment takes place, probably the last week in December.

Belligerent Rights for Boers.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Sulzer has introduced a joint resolution declaring a state of war exists in South Africa and according belligerent rights to the Transvaal government.

Quay's Appointment Being Investigated.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Investigation as to the right of Former Senator Quay of Pennsylvania to a seat in the senate by appointment by the governor of Pennsylvania has begun by the senate committee on privileges and elections. The hearing is purely on the legal argument as to the right of the governor to make the appointment under circumstances which arose in the case of Mr. Quay—a question which has repeatedly been threshed over by the senate in other cases.

The House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The general debate upon the currency bill being closed Friday, today the bill was read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The practical completion of the senate committees for the Fifty-sixth congress was announced officially Friday by Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island. He presented to the senate an order fixing the committees and it was adopted without dissent. A few vacancies in the minor representation are yet to be filled. They will be disposed of in a few days. No other business of importance was transacted by the senate.

The senate adjourned to Monday.

Bill for a New Charleston.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Elliott of South Carolina has introduced a bill for the building of a new cruiser to be named the Charleston to take the place of the cruiser of that name lost in the Philippines.

Schreiber and Wife In Court.

Newton, Ill., Dec. 16.—Interest is again revived in the mystery as to the parentage of the infant found dead in an old unused well on the Brumfield farm, west of Newton, by the arrest of Edward and Emma Schreiber in Champaign county. At the time of finding the body suspicion attached to Schreiber and wife, who had been married but a short time. The Schreibers disappeared, but they located at Champaign. The preliminary being held. More than 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed. The accused belong to prominent families.

Lafayette Dollar Struck.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The first Lafayette dollar, the unique specimen authorized by congress in aid of the fund for the erection of the Lafayette monument in Paris, has been struck off at the United States mint in this city. This coin will be presented by the president of the United States to the president of France. Fifty thousand of the coins will be struck, and are to be disposed of at a cost of \$2 each.

Accidentally Shot.

El Paso, Ills., Dec. 16.—Sidney Kingdon, son of Henry Kingdon, of this city, accidentally shot and killed himself at his brother's farm four miles northeast of here. He was in a wagon with a gun in his hand, when the team started suddenly, throwing him out on the gun. The stock was broken and both loads were discharged in his side.

Three Mexicans Slain.

Florence, A. T., Dec. 16.—Hueropero Juan Oroscio and two other citizens of Mexico were killed at the Ray mining camp, 20 miles east of here. A fight was started among a score of drunken miners in a saloon. Knives and revolvers were used, and at least a dozen of the participants were wounded.

Death Sentences Commuted.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary Root has recommended commutation of the death sentence imposed by courtmartial upon Corporal Damhofer and two other soldiers of the Washington volunteer regiment, who were convicted of ravishing Filipino women. The commutation recommended imprisonment for 20 years.

Another Case at Austin.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—Another case of smallpox has made its appearance here in a negro recently discharged from the Waco pesthouse. This makes three cases, all negroes.

Garland Library Sold.

Little Rock, Dec. 16.—The library of the late United States Attorney General A. H. Garland was sold at public auction to Charles F. Martin, for \$125. It consists of 2700 volumes.

Wood Returning to Cuba.

New York, Dec. 16.—General Leonard Wood, the new governor general of Cuba, accompanied by his wife, has departed for Cuba.

Reduced!

Prices on Every Ladies Jacket in our Store.

NONE RESERVED.

\$20.00 Ladies Jacket	\$15.00
16.50 " "	12.50
12.50 " "	9.75
10.00 " "	7.90
7.50 " "	5.85
5.00 " "	3.95
4.00 " "	3.00
3.50 " "	2.65

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you were selecting the presents you want to give for Christmas. What can be more suitable than a nice piece of

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It is a sensible present, and always an acceptable one. We make Christmas Buying not only pleasant but profitable to our patrons. The advantages of our very large and elegant stock, which has been selected in person at the Factories, are all yours. No other stores are so filled with appropriate and attractive

GIFTS FOR LITTLE OR MUCH MONEY, JUST AS YOU CARE TO EXPEND.

Our Furniture is finished in the latest Golden Oak, Birch, Mahogany, White Enamel, Birdseye Maple, etc. Our Styles are the newest, and our prices the most reasonable. We can convince you by looking at our large variety of handsome

Rockers, Easy Chairs, China Closets, Extension Tables, Side Boards, Dining Tables, Desks, Combination Book Cases, Hall Racks, Taborrets, Indian Stools, Rattan Goods, etc.

Carpets, Mattings and Rugs.

the best in the city to select from at Extraordinarily low prices.

YOURS READY TO SERVE,

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During the years that have elapsed since the Rock Island first completed its line to Texas, this company

has constantly been engaged in turning the tide of emigration to the Lone Star State. That the effort has been successful is proved by the presence of thousands of families scattered throughout our fertile counties and growing cities. Now, for the double purpose of allowing these friends to eat Christmas turkey at the old home and the same time sound praises of Texas, it has been decided to offer Christmas holiday tickets at one fare for round trip to points in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The selling dates are December 19th and 20th, with thirty days limit for return. Additional details can be procured from any coupon ticket agent or by addressing CHAS. B. SLOAT, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Texas.

HOT and COLD, TUB and SHOWFR BATHS,

25 Cents

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Bryan Water, Ice, Light and POWER COMPANY.

If You Close Your Eyes!

To quality, the whole world is full of Bargains. But if you know good goods when you see them and know their real value you will find that for real bargains you will always find them here. Others may throw out attractive leaders to catch the unwary in the expectation of making up the loss on other sales, but you will find no such methods in this store. We keep everything in the way of the best Groceries.

FERNDAL CAN GOODS.
PREMIUM HAMS.
ALBATROSS FLOUR.

And goods of like standard character. We have just received a fresh shipment of Bulk Pork. We have Chilli Pepper and other ingredients to make Chilli. We receive fresh shipment of Fruit daily. We also have a nice line of evaporated fruit. Call and see for yourselves or ring up 'phone 106. Yours to please,

J. Chancy Kernole.

FREE DELIVERY.

H. & T. C. Time Card, Bryan

Northbound No 1.....12:21 p.m.
Southbound No 2.....4:03 p.m.
Northbound No 3.....1:16 a.m.
Southbound No 4.....3:04 a.m.

H. & T. C. Time Table, Hearne

WEST BOUND.
No. 1 leaves.....1:05 a.m.
No. 3 leaves.....9:05 a.m.
EAST BOUND.
No. 2 leaves.....3:53 a.m.
No. 4 leaves.....4:39 p.m.

BETWEEN HEARNE AND SAN ANTONIO.

No. 9, leaves Hearne.....3:10 p.m.
No. 10, arrives at Hearne.....11:55 a.m.

H. & T. C. Time Table Hearne

NORTH BOUND.
No. 1 arrives.....12:50 p.m.
No. 3 arrives.....2:45 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. Grice was in town yesterday.
Miss Shepard is visiting in Marlin.
Wedding presents. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.
Dr. T. L. Tood of Bethel, was here yesterday.
R. H. Seale was here from Benchley yesterday.
Rev. J. C. Mickle went to Navasota yesterday.
Drink Mount Vernon Pure Rye at the Exposition saloon.
J. L. Broach and wife of Tabor, were here yesterday.
Smoke Metropolitan cigars sold at Exposition Saloon.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Crenshaw were visitors to the city yesterday.
Lap Robe's—Chases goods, the best made, at Buchanan Bros.
Just received, 1000 pairs of S-K pants (made at Waco) at Coulter's.
Holiday special sale on rugs at Norwood's tomorrow—Monday.
Miss Daisy Lee of Wellborn, was shopping in the city yesterday.
Special Holiday rug sale at Burt Norwood's Monday—one day only.

Miss Pallie Mae Renfro of Franklin, is visiting Miss Pearl Wallace.

Big shipment of the celebrated Waco made S-K pants at Coulter's.

Miss Lucy Bryan of Houston, is the guest of Miss Josephine Clarke.

Special sale on rugs at Norwood's tomorrow—Monday—one day only.

For Sale—A very fine 15-16 Jersey heifer 15 months old. Jas. H. Webb.

Prof. W. A. Watkins is here from Kaufman visiting his father and family.

The swellest line of Christmas Candles in town at John Chancy Kernole's.

B. L. and D. E. Dowling were here yesterday from College and gave the Eagle a call.

A new line of Golf Hats and every thing new in the Millinery line, at Mrs. C. M. Proctors.

Mrs. J. W. Boyd and Miss Beasie Boyd left for McGregor yesterday after visiting relatives here.

Just received a fresh shipment of eating apples and oranges—very fine. Jno. M. Lawrence & Co.

Don't forget the big special sale on rugs at Norwood's tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 18—one day only.

Joe Saladinier has returned from Houston, where he was elected treasurer of the tobacco growers association.

All are invited—especially the ladies—to call and see John M. Caldwell's display of Holiday goods Monday, Dec. 18.

Nice for Christmas presents—a quarter box of those fine La Josephine cigars for \$1.00, at Jno. Chancy Kernole's.

Miss Mabel Robinson returned yesterday from Sherman, where she has been attending the No. 10 Texas Female College.

Joe Mustachia announces that after Jan. 1, he will shave until 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, closing Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

A swell present—a quarter box of those fine La Josephine cigars for one dollar. They are fine. At John Chancy Kernole's.

Cotton Receipts.

Lawrence Warehouse.....9211
Farmers' Cotton Yard.....7198
Brick Warehouse.....3685
Darwin's Yard.....3682
Dawson's Yard.....962
Holloman's Yard.....942
Wilson's yard.....2386
Bowman's yard.....496
Total.....28562

Found—One pair of gloves between town and Allen academy. Owner can get them by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

Judge Nall, Dan Zimmerman, R. H. Smith and others attended the Masonic lodge at Kurten yesterday. The meeting was held for initiation work.

If your sweetheart smokes make him a present of a quarter box of those delicious La Josephine cigars. Sold for \$1.00 at John Chancy Kernole's.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Shettles arrived in the city yesterday, and Rev. Shettles, who is the new pastor, will preach at the Methodist church today at 11 o'clock.

We are showing the prettiest display of Haverlan, Limoges and French china ever brought to the city; it's going fast; call and make your selection. Wilson Jenkins Drug Co.

We can save you 25 per cent on your purchases in fine American cut glass. We buy direct from the cutters, not the jobber. See our stock before buying. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

The sale of fancy articles and cakes conducted by the ladies of the Presbyterian church Friday was highly successful, \$20.00 being realized. The ladies are having some improvements made on the church.

Mr. Joe Seale, who was probably nearly eighty years of age, died yesterday afternoon at his home near Kurten, where it is said he had lived sixty three years. He was well known throughout this section, and highly respected.

The Shakespeare club had one of its best attended and most interesting meetings last Friday night at Mrs. Sims' home. The next meeting will be after the holidays, on a date that will hereafter be announced in The Eagle, and will be devoted to reviewing the work that has been done. No member should miss the next meeting.

A trial of Ajax Hams and Breakfast Bacon will convince you of their superior quality and flavor. Sold only by Jno. M. Lawrence & Co.

Chas. Edinburg's restaurant in the Zennett block is now open day and night. Regular meals 35 cents. Short order lunches at all hours.

If you are looking for a pretty kid body or dressed doll we have them, call and see them. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

The afternoon train was delayed three hours yesterday by the tender trucks jumping the track near Rice.

Special Sale, Holiday Week

At Racket Store, in Carpets, Tapestry, Art Squares, Floor oil Cloth, and Oil Cloth Squares.

Buchanan Bros. show window presents a charming display of beautiful lap robes.—Chase's goods the best. Sold as cheap as these goods can be bought anywhere.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As usual the popular.....

I & G. N.

will have on sale December 20, 21, 22,

ONE FARE ROUND TRIP Tickets....

To all points in the

SOUTHEAST

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MEXICO.

Final limit for return,

30 days.

STOP OFF

at pleasure in Mexico on

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Sale this year includes points

in KANSAS, NEBRASKA, MISSOURI, ARKANSAS. On sale

December 19th and 20th only.

LOCALLY

On December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and Jan. 1,

Between I. & G. N. Stations. Limit Jan'y 3rd

FARE AND A THIRD.

THROUGH COACHES TO MEMPHIS and BEYOND

Ask agents about it or address

D. J. PRICE, G.P.&T.A. Palestine, Texas.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD.

South Better Equipped Than Ever for General Prosperity.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—The south is on the verge of unprecedented industrial expansion. Equipped by nature with abundant raw material, it is being supplied with the machinery necessary to turn its resources to the best account. It needs more machinery. Its well laid plans must be perfected. No better preparation for this can be had than in taking stock of the present.

In a special supplement the Manufacturers' Record presents this week a series of striking papers dealing comprehensively but tersely with accomplished facts and reasonable prospects. Men who are authorities in their respective fields in the north as well as in the south, experts in iron, cotton, lumber, phosphates and other bases of southern manufacturing are enjoying well earned distinction in southern development, have contributed to this survey. Summarizing the facts brought out, the Manufacturers' Record says editorially:

"Thirty years ago the south was crippled and poverty-stricken. Its natural resources of wealth were unsurpassed. But it was without strength, opportunity or implements to develop them. Imperfect means of transportation and communication, a disorganized labor system, the ranks of the most vigorous element in the population depleted, practically no ready money and the absence of the outside helping hand were enough to appal a most sturdy people. But from the wreck and ruin the south has emerged energetic, progressive, sanguine. Today it has \$1,000,000,000 invested in manufacturing, with an annual output valued at \$1,500,000,000, and paying \$350,000,000 in wages. Its cottonmills with 5,000,000 spindles, representing an investment of \$125,000,000 already consume yearly 1,400,000 bales of cotton. It is producing about 2,500,000 tons of pigiron a year, 40,000,000 tons of coal, from 10,000,000 to 11,000,000 bales of cotton, probably 10,000,000,000 feet of lumber and 750,000,000 bushels of grain, and its railroads, steadily improving and increasing in length. The south has accomplished much. It has much more to do before its full growth shall have been attained. That it will be equal to its mighty task is proved by its present lustiness."

CUTTING EXPENSES.

Many Transports Will Be Returned by the Government.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Quartermaster General Ludington is rapidly reducing the expense for transports, and thus saving daily the expenditures by the government of a large sum of money. All the troops intended for use in the Philippines, excepting one regiment, have been forwarded. When the last regiment was started the war department was paying for 40 transports at rate of from \$500 to \$1000 a day. Many of these vessels were frequently idle while waiting for troops to embark or to disembark, but the pay went right on, whether they were moving or at anchor.

In five weeks five large vessels have been released from charter. As it will be necessary, in the judgment of the war department officials, to have vessels at command for transport service, nine vessels have been bought, and all the others will be released.

These purchased vessels are to be fitted up after the manner of the Grant, Logan, Thomas, Sedgwick and other transports that have elicited the approval of the military attaches of foreign governments as being the best transports ever provided for any government. In constructing these vessels the utmost care has been observed to make them comfortable, and, in the case of vessels to be used expressly for the transportation of animals, the method of fresh air supply promises to overcome all former danger of suffocation of the animals in consequence of closed hatches during bad weather.

Another Train Wrecked.

Lewiston, Ida., Dec. 16.—A train with a load of steel for the Northern Pacific extension was wrecked at the bottom of Kendrick hill. Four persons were killed and one fatally injured. The dead are Arthur Bain, engineer; John Ogden, engineer; Earl Bradshaw, fireman; A. Budge, brakeman. All of Spokane. The fatally injured are John Peteman of Spokane. As the train was descending the steep hill it became uncontrollable owing to ice and snow on the track.

Alabama Merchant Murdered.

Birmingham, Dec. 16.—P. P. Clarkson, a prominent merchant of Green Pond, Ala., a small town in Bibb county, about 35 miles southwest of this city, was cruelly murdered Thursday night by unknown parties. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive of the crime.

Judge Gaines Injured.

Austin, Dec. 16.—While crossing a street here Chief Justice R. R. Gaines of the supreme court was struck by a runaway horse and knocked down. He was badly bruised about the face and legs, but his injuries are not considered serious.

Huge Cotton Bale.

Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 16.—A bale of cotton weighing 1023 pounds was sold here Friday. It was put up by Rosser Bros. Gin company at this place and is the largest bale ever ginned in Ellis county, or perhaps in the state.

Case in Limestone.

Mexia, Tex., Dec. 16.—A case of smallpox has appeared at Point Enterprise, about three miles east of town.

WE OFFER

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TO THE GOOD LIVER
TO THE EPICURE

Following Edibles Approved By Connoisseurs

Ajax and Premium Hams and Breakfast Bacon.
Ajax Ham Sausage.
Full Cream Cheese.
Sweet, Sour, Dill and Mango Pickles in bulk.
A fresh supply of Dozier's Crackers.
Cakes and Cheese Straws—the latter an especially palatable delicacy.
All the ingredients for fruit cakes, fresh and of the highest grade.
Maple Syrup.
Open Kettle Louisiana Syrup.
Cape Cod Cranberries.
Anderson's Mince Meat.

In fact our stock is complete in the Staple and Fancy Line. Send, bring or 'phone your wants to us and you will gain the boon philosophers of old sought—contentment.

**Jno. M. Lawrence
& Co.**

Kernole's Stable!

Equipped for the Holidays with new rigs, new horses, and everything first-class in the livery line. We have six new horses and six brand new buggies, besides our former equipment of carriage, surreys, buggies and driving horses equal to any in Bryan. We answer orders promptly at any hour day or night, and give the best service for theatres, balls, etc. Special attention given to harness and buggy washing at 25 cents each. Respectfully.

J. O. Kernole.

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THE GROCERY Business of J. W.

English, we are now through taking stock—wide open and ready for business. Our stock of Fancy Groceries is second to none in the city, bought by one of the oldest and most successful grocery men in town. We are prepared to meet any and all competition, quality of goods considered.

The ladies are cordially invited to call and examine our stock and see for themselves that we can supply your wants.

All orders delivered free in the city limits.

Give us a trial on your next month's bill and you will know where to do your business in 1900.

DANSBY & DANSBY,

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More New Attractions!

Just opened for inspection in **Pretty Holiday Gifts.**

Our space is the largest in the city for displaying

HOLIDAY GOODS,

Yet it was by no means adequate for showing our entire line during our opening. Therefore we are placing in stock for your inspection many new, handsome and pretty presents as fast as we remove the goods we have sold. Hundreds of customers have visited our store and few have left without making purchases, for fear that delay would deprive them of the beautiful presents they admired.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL CHRISTMAS WEEK!

You will find the stock badly broken, and the rush will be on. Come now and make your selections and we will RESERVE THEM FOR YOU.

Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

'PHONE 20

RESOURCES OF TEXAS.

Special Edition of the Galveston News for the Opening of the Year 1900.

On January 1, 1900, The Galveston-Dallas News will issue a Special Edition of the two papers, devoted exclusively to an exhaustive description of the General Resources of Texas. This special edition will bring up the story of State progress to the close of the year 1900, more especially as regards Agricultural, Pastoral and Mineral Development to together with notes on the Enlarged Boundaries of Railroad Construction and General Transportation Facilities.

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Legs as Bait for Leeches.

The way that leech farmers go about their business is interesting. Having fenced and watered a suitable meadow, they proceed to sow it with leeches by scattering them broadcast on the land from sacks containing 15,000 leeches each. All that is now necessary is to provide for the crop plenty of water and plenty of blood. The usual method of providing the latter was to drive old horses and cattle into the inclosure; but sometimes fresh blood from a slaughterhouse was supplied. When required, the leeches are caught by throwing a fresh sheepskin into the water. When the skin is taken out hundreds of leeches are found clinging to it; but a more primitive custom, and one still employed by collectors, is to wade in the water and allow the leeches to fix upon the bare legs.

Miss Mary Kingsley, in her "Travels in West Africa," relates that once, passing through a deep swamp, which reached to their chins, they all got horribly infested with leeches, having a frill of them around their necks like astrakhan collars when they emerged.

The land leeches of the East are also troublesome to both cattle and men. So abundant are they in some parts that soldiers and workmen are sometimes fatally weakened by the minute but persistent blood-letting.

It is calculated that 30,000,000 were used annually in France and England alone. A single company in Australia used to export 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 per year to Europe and America. One Parisian capitalist affirmed that his leech crops returned him 15 to 1, and it is recorded that the monopoly of taking leeches in Morocco was once sold for \$100,000.

A Good Many Smiths Still at Home.

British census reports of family names give for England and Wales 253,606 Smiths, 242,100 Joneses, with Williams, Taylor, Davies and Brown following in order. For Scotland Smith leads, followed by McDonald, Brown, Thomson, Robertson, Stewart and Campbell. Murphy is ahead in Ireland, there being 62,600 of them; then come Kelly, 55,900; Sullivan, 43,600; Walsh, 41,700; Smith, 37,000; O'Brien, 33,400; Byrne 33,000; Ryan, 32,000; Connor, 31,000; O'Neil, 29,100; and Reilly, 29,000.

Sees That Its Grave's Kept Green.

An old soldier in Michigan town, who had a leg amputated ten years ago, had it buried in a coffin in the cemetery and funeral services held over it, at which he wept profusely. Ever since then, all through the summer months he has placed flowers each week upon the grave.

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower descendants is making arrangements, through its committee on historical research, for a systematic examination of English and Dutch records, with a view to obtaining information about the Mayflower passengers and their ancestors.

It is proposed to employ an expert genealogist, living in England and familiar with the English records, to make researches in such locations as are indicated by present knowledge of the pilgrims. This expert will be furnished with every item of information which can in any way give a clue to the ancestry or former home of any of the Mayflower passengers. He will also have data concerning the passenger of the Fortune, the Anne and the Little James, and will be instructed to preserve all material relating to them which may come to his attention. All persons interested in the Pilgrims should send to George Ernest Bowman, secretary general of the Mayflower descendants, information which they may possess relating to the ancestry of the Mayflower passengers. The examination of the Dutch records will be conducted on the same plan as that proposed for the English ones. The expense of these researches will be great, and the Massachusetts society has appropriated \$250 to start a fund for carrying on the work. It is hoped to raise over \$6,000, and Mayflower descendants are asked for subscriptions. The sum will insure thorough examination of a large amount of unpublished records.

The Birth of a Legend.

An extraordinary legend has gained credence among the peasants of Galicia says a Vienna correspondent of the London Leader. Paul Kulczycki, a small farmer of Novosiolka, has had a portrait of the late Empress Elizabeth hanging in his bedroom for some years.

Some time ago (according to Kulczycki in September last, the month in which the empress was assassinated) blood began to trickle down, the face of the portrait.

Kulczycki showed the portrait to his neighbors, who were awestruck at the apparently supernatural sign.

Finally a Greek Catholic priest named Szuchewicz journeyed to Novosiolka with a committee of investigation, composed of persons described as "eminently reliable and trustworthy."

This committee reported that what the peasants had seen was really blood, and recommended the transfer of the portrait into a church as an object worthy of veneration.

The legend was now complete, the story was launched into publicity, and actually found currency in many papers, including the Neue Freie Presse.

Needless to say, the whole thing was an arrant fraud. This frame of the portrait is of pine wood, which sweats, and what the peasants, backed up by the committee, declared to be blood was merely the resin which exuded from the pine wood frame.

Apple Tree Sermons.

The Rev. Dr. Myers, the well known English clergyman, who is now in this country, has taken a fancy to a seat among the branches of a large apple tree on Evangelist Moody's estate, at Northfield, Mass., and lately has composed most of his sermons while seated there.

Outlashed.

"You must remember," said the proud Yankee girl, "that I am a Daughter of the Revolution." "Pooh!" exclaimed the beautiful dark eyed woman from Central America, "I am a daughter of six revolutions."

No Gold Statues Wanted.

The United States commissioner to the Paris exposition desires the fact officially stated that no such undignified production as a life-sized gold statue of a woman will be permitted in the Paris exposition grounds, either as an exhibit or a concession. It is proposed to maintain the dignity of the United States exhibit, and not to encourage or permit advertising which would reflect discredit upon the nation.

Choosing a Career.

In most cases both of men and women the struggle and disappointments in industrial pursuits arise from a lack of thought in choosing a career. That is fatal to any endeavor. A grave and daily recurring mistake is made in seeking the fields that are already overfull, and not looking afar for new occupations. If fewer girls would qualify themselves for the overcrowded professions, and fit themselves for other skilled employments and newer industries, there would be fewer discouraged, anxious, overburdened women.

The careful mother who watches her child and takes note of its developing tastes and studies its natural inclinations can assist much in deciding the question of occupation, and help the girl to find the place which is to be hers in the world. The lives of women who have become famous in various lines of work show that as children they spent many hours in counterfeiting the work in which they afterward became pre-eminent. The child's occupation were the woman's in embryo. Fostering a taste, strengthening an inclination, this can be quietly done by the mother, and under such training the question will almost settle itself. She is a fortunate girl who has a mother who can set her with her face in the right direction toward her life work. Once her place is found the girl who would make her work profitable must pursue it diligently, striving with all her might to render herself as nearly perfect in it as possible. This is an age of competition, and only the best will succeed. Unless one strives incessantly to get to the top she will remain at the bottom, and down there lies the threatening monster starvation. Unless in filling her position she can make her influence and power felt broadly and beneficently, unless she can develop and bring the best, the noblest and the most generous instincts of her nature to her work, she has not chosen the right work or the right place in which to pursue it.

Champion Equestrienne.

The champion long distance horseback rider of America is Mrs. Nellie A. Wheeler, of Greenwood, Ky., who has completed a journey from her Southern home to Kokomo, Ind., where she is a guest of her uncle, Charles Ammerman. Mrs. Wheeler made the trip of 900 miles in less than three weeks.

Sang Himself Into a Title.

Charles Santley, the eminent English baritone, has been made by the pope a knight commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, in recognition of his services to the Catholic church.

Mounting of Paseo Gun.

Designs for the mounting of the Spanish gun in the Paseo were presented to the park board yesterday and adopted, but the city will be asked to foot the bill, amounting to \$450. The board decided it had spent so much money for park music it could not afford to incur any other incidental expense and in consequence a resolution was adopted asking the council to appropriate \$450 to pay for constructing the gun carriage and the stone foundation.—Kansas City Journal.

Hurrah for the Barkeepers.

At the recent meeting of the State Bar association in Detroit, part of the entertainment of the members consisted of a trolley ride around the city, bringing up at the Country Club. As they were climbing out of the cars, each wearing a badge labeled "Michigan State Bar Association," the newsboys asked, "What's dem?" and, getting no other information than the badges and the faces of the leaders of the bar, called for three cheers for the "bartenders."

Where Predictions Come True.

"There is no denying that the Philippine climate has its advantages," remarked the attache of the weather bureau. "Would you like to be stationed there?" "Well, I'm not naturally indolent. But just at this time of year there's something fascinating in the idea of merely having to predict 'rain tomorrow, and then taking a day off."

A New Jag Cure.

A writer in a European temperance journal calls attention to the value of fruit as an antidote to the craving for liquor. He says: "In Germany, a nation greatly in advance of other countries in matters relating to hygiene, alcoholic disease has been coped with successfully by the adoption of pure diet and natural curative agencies. I have said that the use of fresh fruit is an antidote for the drink craving, and this is true. I have met working-men who have told me that fruit has often taken away the craving for drink; I met a clergyman recently who assured me that a diet consisting largely of fruit had taken entirely away an hereditary craving that had troubled him for years. It may be asked, How can fruit and pure diet do all this? The explanation is simple. Fruit may be called nature's medicine. Every apple, every orange, every plum and every grape is a bottle of medicine. An orange is three parts water—distilled in nature's laboratory—but this water is rich in peculiar fruit acids medicinally balanced, which are specially cooling to the thirst of the drunkard, and soothing to the diseased state of his stomach. An apple or an orange eaten when the desire for a 'glass' arises would generally take it away, and every victory would make less strong each recurring temptation. The function is not so much to provide solid nourishment as to supply the needful acids and salines for the purification of the blood. Once get the blood pure, every time its pure nutrient stream bathes the tissues of the body it will leave behind an atom of healing tissue, until in time the drunkard will stand purified, in his right mind."

A Knightly Postman.

A certain illustrious signor in Italy was gazetted as a "knight of the crown," but no sooner was the distinction conferred than the government discovered that the new knight was a person of dubious character. With the native skill of the Italian diplomat, seeing that the distinction could not be recalled, the government at once sought for some one of the same name as the signor. The only person who qualified was a young postman, and he is now elevated to the rank of knight of the crown. What a magnificent and high imperial rat-a-tat-tat he will deliver.

Hardly a True Chicagoenne.

"Is it true," asked the inquisitive foreigner, "that you ladies get a divorce one day and marry the next?"

"Indeed, it is not," answered the Chicago lady; "in the lower classes it may occur, but in our set a two weeks' vacation is the proper thing."

Hed the Advantage.

The stranded dramatic company shambled wearily along the railroad tracks toward the next town. The face of the principal tragedian was a study. Finally he turned to the leading juvenile and said in bitter accents:

"By me halidon, that woman has us all on the hip."

"Which woman?"

"Ye gods! the leading lady, Mrs. Howland. She has been playing the sleep-walking scene from 'Macbeth' so long, curses on it, that she gets her rest as she walk along Zooks!"

A loud snore from the leading lady as she walked briskly behind showed that the principal tragedian was not mistaken.

Books at Auction.

Rudyard Kipling's "Schoolboy Lyrics," 1881, brought \$450 at auction recently in London; "The United Services College Chronicle," from No. 5, 1881, to No. 58, 1894, with thirty original contributions by Kipling, brought \$505; "Soldiers Three," Allahabad, 1888, \$49; "Departmental Ditties," 1886, \$54; "Echoes by Two Writers, Lahore, 1884, defective, \$65. Robert Louis Stevenson's "Not I, and Other Poems," four leaves, was sold for \$92; "Moral Emblems," first and second series, six leaves each, for \$109; "Father Damien," the Sydney edition, \$107; "The Story of a Lie," 1882, \$152; "The Silverado Squatters," the six-copy edition, \$102.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 7, 1899. NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company, to convene at the general office of said company in the City of Houston, Texas, at twelve o'clock, noon, on the nineteenth day of January, 1900, for the purpose of authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage upon the railroad recently purchased and now owned by said company commonly known as the "Waco & Northwestern Division of the Houston & Texas Central Railway" extending from a point on or near the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, via Marlin and Waco, to a point in or near the town of Ross, in McLennan county, with its franchises and appurtenances to secure the payment of first mortgage bonds of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for each mile of said railroad, payable at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued for the purpose of paying for, completing, improving and operating the said railroad with its franchises and appurtenances.

E. W. CAVE, Secretary.
Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company. d Jan 19

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will conduct a sale of fancy articles, suitable for Christmas gifts, also of cakes, on Friday, December 15, from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m., at the house of Mr. L. L. McInnis. Those ladies who intend to contribute articles for this sale, and have not met with the society, are requested to send in these articles to Mrs. McInnis, early on the morning of the 15th. 11

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